# VVitfor Mony.

## Being a full Relation of the Life, Actions, merry Conceits, and pretty Pranks of Captain *James Hind* the famous Robber, both in *England*, *Holland*, and *Ireland*.

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Though here-tofore I have bin a [illegible] Cheat,
As thou mayst find by what I here repeate,
Yet now resolv'd to give just dealing place.
I here present to publike view my face,
That if againe I ever doe amisse
I may be knowne to all the World by this.

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# Wit for Money.

## Chap. I.
## Containing Hind's Birth and Education.

Captaine James Hind (the subiect of our ensuing discourse) was borne at Chipping-Norton in Oxford-shire. His Father was by Trade a Butcher, who did more in that Towne by exercising the same many yeares. His good old mans hauing credit in this Towne was reckoned as far as he was able, as bore bare a Collar, and to that end puts him to an Englisht Schoole to learne to read and to write, where he continued about three yeares, but to little purpose, for the bent of his wicked wit was so addicted to waggish pastimes, that his bookes he accounted a burthen, and no affection he bore unto it; which his Father perceiuing sets him to his owne trade, but his vnsetling mind could not settle to that neither: in conclusion he binds him Prentice to a Butcher, hoping there aboue all others he made choise of as the best, yet here grew weary of that also, as appeares by the Sequell.

## Chap. II.

### How Hind ran away from his Master, and became acquainted with one Allen, a great High-way-man in London.

HInd weary of his trade, would often complain to his fellow apprentice saying, That it was better to rob on the high way then to live in so slavish a condition, and withall resolving to set himself at liberty, on a time he puts on his apparell, got more money in many of his Masters by a sleight, and so gave his Master the slip, and travels towards London, upon the roade overtaking three Carriers, he purposeth some questions to them, they refuse him civille answers, he rideing their iournies endeavours to worke a quarrell with each, this engages the rest, they all fall upon him, and beat him well favouredly, at last being parted, Hind tells them he meant not to requite their courtesie, which shortly after he performed by robbing the greatest part of them, in the meane time he leaves them and comes directly to London, where he had not acquaintance with such like wile parties as himselfe, with whom having but one night taken traineing, he was examined by the Watch as he returned to his lodging, and giving but a slender account of his life and conversation, he was by the Constable sent to the Counter, where after his first sleepe, awaking and looking about him, This is a large house (sales he, and may entertaine many Guests, but I doe not intend to keepe my Christmas here; In this place Hind

became

become acquainted with one Allen, a notorious high-way-man, put in there likewise for being drunk; This Allen perceiving Hind to be a bold spirited Youth, and withall pretty ingenious, desires to entertain him for his servant, promising him to learn him such an Art as should for ever make him a Gentleman. Hind willing to undertake any pretty pains to serve him in any thing; to the morning being come, they pay their Scores, were discharged, and Allen takes his new servant to the Taverne to refresh him in some pints, that they might lose no time.

## Chap. III.

### How Allen instructed his new Servant, and set him to rob a Gentleman.

ALLen being at the Tavern with the rest of his Associates began to drink merrily: Hind modestly waits upon him, still expecting what rare Art his Master would teach him, which Allen perceiving takes him aside, saying, I would have you to be as my Companion and Friend, and not as a servant, neither do I look for any such respect as you do give me, you shall eate and drink as I doe, and if I have money, you shall have part and want none, and if I want you must helpe to get some as well as you can: In that Hind condescended, and they, sware him to be true to their Gang, which done, they accost him as a Brother of their company. And now desirous to fleth him in his new trade, they accommodate him with a very good Horse

and slowly they rode to Shooters-hill, where they
meeting with a Gentleman coming to
London, Allen bids Hind ride up to him a-
lone, and they would lie in ambush if occasion
required, hereupon Hind being already well
furnish'd for the purpose, rides to him, bids him
stand and deliver what money he had, or else he
presently be his death: The Gentleman not
willing to die immediately gave him ten pounds
which was all he had; Hind seeing that said, sir
here is forty shillings for you to pay your charges
in regard it is my hansell: The Gentle-
man answered I wish you better luck with it
then I have, so Hind rode away to the rest of his
crew, and Allen praised him for learning his art
so quickly, saying, but you must see how he rob'd
him with a grace.

## IV.

### How Allen and his Associates made sport with an old Shepherd.

ALlen having got good store of money, buyes
him a Coach and fource Horses, and Hind as
his Gentleman Usher, and six others waiting
on him in Livery Cloaks; himself he habits in
a Ruffe, a square Cap, Latine sleeves, and his
long Cloake, naming himself the Bishop of
Durham, and by this wile they committed many
robberies undiscovered; when any Gentleman
came in their Roade they would leave their
Cloaks in the Coach, rob him, then put their
Cloaks into the Coach, and get on their Livery
Cloaks

Cloaks againe, if any bus mw erp cam[illegible]ffet them they would never suspect any of the Bishops men, for when they came to any Inne, the Bishop was honoured as much as a man of his quality, his Gentleman Usher stood bare all the while he was at dinner or supper; but this held not long before the Country had gotten some notice of it, whereupon they resolve to rid themselves of their Coach, lest by that they should be betrayed, so riding on the Downes they called to an old Shepheard, saying if you please to be merry with us to night, you shall doe as we do; the old man was willing to goe with them. Allen told him that he would make him Lord Bishop for that night, so they put on the Bishops habit on the Shepheard and it did become him well; then they instructed him how to behave himselfe, so they came to an Inne where in great pomp they supped; supper being ended the Bishops servants went to have their Lord to bed, hee being in bed they came downe and told the Host that their Lord was fallen very sick and that he desired a Doctor, so they enquired for a Doctor but there was none in seven miles, then they forged Letters, & all the men were sent with spare Horses, some to fetch friends to sit their Lord, and some for the Doctor, so that they left no servants to wait on the Bishop, they had also charged the Shepheard not to knock, till the next morning, and ordered the people of the house when their Lord knockt to carry him a candle, so they conveyed away their Bishops Robes, & left

left the Shepheards owne Clothes by his bed-side and bid fare-well to their Shepheard and their Coach, but about ten of the clock in the morning the shepheard awaked out of his dreame and knockt for the people, who brought him up a Candle, he askes for his men, they tell him, some were gone for the Doctor, and some for his friends, perceiving himselfe abused he bid the servant goe downe for his Master, the fellow well eying the shepheard, tells his Master that the Bishop had a Canvas shirt on his back as black as the Divell, and that there was a paire of shoes stood by the bed as full of Hobnails, as the skye of starrs, and a thread bare coat fit for nothing but to make shoe clouts; up goes the Host to see his Guest, who by that time had dress himselfe in his owne habit, and thus salutes him; Friend quoth he, I have bin robbed to night of mine honour, but they left me my old clothes, whereat the Host began to laugh, and said to the shepheard, my Lord if you please to buy you two Coach Horses, I will lend you a Coach and Harnesse to carry your honour to the sheep fold, so the shepheard related all the storie to the Host, and left him his Coach for the reckoning, and bid them adieu.

## Chap. V.

How Allen and his men cozened a Country Constable that came to take them with a Hew and Cry.

ALlen and his Companions had acted many robberies that now every Towne almost was

[illegible] full of. Into my Eyes for thank, and one night [illegible] to a small obscure village, [illegible] Allen went to bed, but he had not taken his first sleepe before [illegible] search made all over the Towne for Allen, who at last came to the Inne where Allen lay: the Constable being some what stiffe was satisfied with a reasonable answer, for they came to his Chamber, where by his attendance he seemed to be some great person; Allen amazed to see so many lights and watchmen in his chamber, said, Master Constable, you might have beene more civill then to presse with so much company into my Chamber at this time of the night; sir said the Constable I was commanded so to doe, I would your Lights and Candles were all out said Allen, otherwise I shall not sleepe. Jack sates he to one of his men, give the Constable five shillings to make his Watch men drink, I thank you sir said the Constable, I see you are an honest Gentleman now; good night sir, good night Master Constable I pray let me heare no more of you. The Constable going downe the staires said to some of his watch men. I am sorrie I have troubled the Gentleman, did you not see what a glorious fare lavon the Table: Ile warrant it cost twentie nobles at least, his men I believe are all Gentlemen, or Gentlemens sonnes, good Lord, if I had taken these men for the Robbers, what should have become of me, and you too, pointing to his watch: One of Allens men came downe and call'd for a Gallon of Sack, which the Constable

drank

bank the Foot-man [illegible] the Footmen were troubled to carry him, for that he could not stand: leaue the Constable with a warrant to Allen, who hastily after, notwithstanding all his former policies and shifts, was apprehended neere London, and arraigned at Tyborne. Hind only escaped to practise the trade, and now he sets up for himselfe.

## Chap. VI.

### How Hind robd a Gentleman on foot, and furnisht himselfe with a Horse, money and Clothes.

HInd having lost his Horse when he made his escape, was resolved to get one, and to follow his trade on foot, his Masters misfortune grieved him much, yet he quickly cast it out of his mind, and now to colour his knavery, he puts himselfe into the habit of a Sea-beare, with a long staffe on his neck, and so travels towards Salisbury, where till his way he spies a Gentleman comming downe a hill, leading his Horse in his hand, Hind as if he take no notice of the Gentleman, went whistling the tune of an old Psalme, when the Gentleman came to the foot of the hill, where Hind was whistling his Psalme, the Gentleman inquired of him the time of the day, he answered him very civilly, but as the Gentleman was getting on his horse, Hind gave him with his long Pole such a stroake between the head and the shoulders, that he made him tumble on the ground; Hind presently take his

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Cloak, Boots and Sword, and left him

## Chap. VII.

How Hind was beset by two whores, who set two high-waymen to take his mony, and how he rob'd them.

ready and too inclined, where they did discern,
ken him they alst him which way he rose, he
answers them Cambridge they tell
him they went to Gads-hill in Kent, and
ding to the place wherein people
the Theus-finge
deed, where are your hearts
Hipd note rides to the
little cole, he
his money, and saying,
Theefe in England and
rob him, verily were you
professors, neither of you should have
seeing you returned hard
sconce, he did find
Disgrace not your selves with small
some high, and for great ones, for the least
bring

bring you to the Gallowes, so Hind shaking the poore Knight by the hand, left him to his Horse-keeper to carry his Coate, and bid him fare well.

## Chap. VIII.

How Hind was inchanted by an old Hag for the space of three yeares.

After Hind had rob'd the time Theeves of their Booty, it was his chance to ride to Hatfield, where lying at the George Inne, being then the Assizes, he very merrily spent the evening with those Gentlemen that were there, in the morning early Hind calls for his Horse to be gone, takes his leave of those Gentlemen that were stirring, and as he rode along Hatfield was an old ill favoured woman asked almes of him, his Horse presently staid and would goe no further, Sir said the old woman, I have something to say to you and then you shall be gone, Hind seeing her countenance, paid out five shillings a piece he gave her, thinking she would but like a Gipsie tell his fortune, saying good woman, I am in haste, Sir said she, I have staid all this morning to speake with you, and would you have me loose my labour? speake poor mind said Hind, whereupon the old woman began thus.

Captaine Hind, you ride and goe in many dangers, wherefore by my poore skill I have thought on a way to preserve you for the space of three yeares, but that time being past, you are no more then an ordinary man, and a mischance may fall on you as well as another, but if you be in England come to me and I will renew the

virtue

Chap. IX.

How Hind robb'd a Gentleman in Yorkshire, and after at the same Inne lay with his Host.

A Gentleman coming from York [illegible] London, by accident met with Hind, and [illegible] him down twenty shillings to bear his charges till his own credit might better furnish him: to the Gentleman rode on his journey to the next Inne, where he was well known, and Innes here there, being alighted from his horse, he bespeaks the Host to get some what ready for his supper, so the Gentleman went to [illegible] ber, in the meane time in comes Hind, and [illegible] If there were any Gentlemen that went for London, the Host answered, there was one Gentleman alone, and he would be glad of any [illegible]

company. So Hind went up to the Gentleman's Chamber and saluted him. The Gentleman said, Sir, fit down, and I will tell you how I was robbed to day, and I durst have sworn that you had been the man, but that I see your Haire is short, and his long: Sir, said Hind how can you know his Horse, yes very well said the Gentleman. To satisfie you said Hind you shall see mine: So Hind went before and fetcht his Horse out of the Stable and asked the Gentleman if that were the Horse: he answered Yes, this the Horse, then said Hind I cannot sup with you to night, if you know my Horse hence my self, so bids him good night.

## Chap. X.

How Hind rob'd two Gentlemens Servants: caused a Parson to be apprehended for a highway man, and escaped himself.

HIND being informed of a purchase, as he rode espied some Gentlemen dining at an Ale-House on Horseback, having sent their Servants before; Hind passed by them, but riding at a good rate, quickly overtook the Gentlemens Servants who rode but easily, Hind by their discourse said there was money in their Portmantles, but he would see the money or he would be their death, they being not used to fight yielded unto him, but he being their betters would brook no danger, with his Dagger knife cut open their Portmantles and took out the money, and tying the Baggs together, sent them before him and rid full speed away: one of the Servants rode to acquaint their Ma-

ster, who presently pursued Hind. Hind met a Parson and said to him, Sir, I am like to be rob'd, you must stand to it now for your own good as well as mine, they would have this money from me which you see, come Sir, be of good cheere, one honest man will scare ten Theeves, you shall have one of my Pistols. So Hind gives the Parson a Pistol ready cocked and charged, bids him fire at them that came first, while I leaves he, ride down to the next Village and raise the Country people to be our helps: the Parson having taken a cup too much at a Wedding, was Port valiant, and rid up boldly to the Gentlemen and fired his Pistoll at them, but being too far off did no execution, he rid nigher and firing his Pistol at one of them, that he had like to have knocked him off his Horse, the Gentlemen seize on him, and take him prisoner, the Parson cryes out spare my life & you shall have all my money, no sirrah said the Gentlemen, we will have you hang'd, what? a Parson and rob on the High way, they presently hale him to the next Justice of Peace which was very neere, when they came before the Justice, they told him that they were robbed of two hundred pounds, and that this Parson was one of the Theeves: the Justice marvelled that such an apparent testimony should come against the Parson of the Parish.

The Parson by this time was come to himself, and desired the Justice to give him leave to speake for himselfe, being licensed to speake, he said to the Justice, Sir, you have known me this 30. years, and no man can say I have wronged

him

him of a penny, much lesse this which is laid to my charge. Sir, I shall tell you so much as I know of this businesse. As I was riding in my way home, I met a man who had two bags of money before him, who told me that Theeves pursued him, and he desired my help, saying, that I need not feare, for one honest man would beate ten Theeves, so he gave me a Pistol charged, cock't, and primed, and bid me fire at the first that came while he raised the Country men to assist us: so when these Gentlemen came down the Hill, I rode up to them, and fired my Pistol among them, and when I had so done, I flung it at this Gentlemans head, thinking they had been Theeves: Sir, this is all I know of the matter: The Justice laughed to see the Parson of his parish apprehended for a high way man, but he paid his word to his appearance the next Assizes, that when he was brought before the Bench was cleared, but he made a vow never to fire Pistol more.

## Chap. XI.

How Hind rob'd a Gentleman of thirty pound that was desirous to give twenty pound to see him.

HIND overtook a Gentleman as he rode on the road, and they fell in discourse, to the Gentleman was saying he would give twenty pounds to see Hind, but as they were riding, the Gentleman admired Hinds Horse, Sir said the Gentleman, what money shall I give you to change horses with me, forty pound said Hind,

will give you thirty pound in gold, said the Gentleman, so Hind said, Sir, ride him, so the Gentleman gave him thirty pounds in gold and his Horse, but as they rid a long there was a ditch, Sir, said Hind, leap him over this ditch, I cannot said the Gentleman, Hind desired the Gentleman to alight, to be got on his own horse and leapt over the ditch, and when he was on the other side, he said, Sir, you would give twenty pound to see Hind, and now you have seen him, but the other ten pound was for riding my horse, so now I think you have seen enough of him, and so farewell.

## Chap. XII.

### How neatly Hind rob'd a Parson of forty pounds in gold which he had hid in the Collar of his Dublet.

A Parson riding from Coventry toward London, by petty Thieves was robbed of his Silver, but having forty pound in gold about him resolved to goe on his Journey, and as he rode, Hind overtook him, and asked the Parson which way he travelled, the Parson told him that he intended for London, but sayes he, I was almost prevented, for to day I was robbed of five pounds in silver, and the Knaves left me but five shillings: Sir, said Hind I was robbed of a little silver to day also, for a man were as good let them have it quietly as to hazard ones life to resist, but I was cunning enough to hide my gold in my boots before hand: nay, I believe he said Parson that mine is as safe, for I have quilted it

in the Collar of my Dublet, Hind was not a little glad when he heard where his gold lay, but being neere their Inne, they supt together, and went to bed, in the morning the Parson called Hind up and told him he would be glad of his company after breakfast they rid together, Hind asked the Parson if he could guesse what trade he was of, no said the Parson, then said Hind I am a Cutter, for I must cut the Collar of your Dublet off before I shall come to your money, having so done, he left the Parson forty pounds lighter then he found him.

## Chap. XII.

### How Hind served two Bayliffes and a Vsurer.

HInd riding through a little Town in Warwickshire, saw a tumult in the Street, so he rid up to them to know the occasion, one told him that an honest Innekeeper was arrested for 20. pounds, and that the man was undone if he had not some relefe speedily: Hind goes to the man and asked him if he would give him any security if he should pay the money for him, the poore man being overjoyed at this unlookt for newes, told him he would make over all he had for the security: so Hind had the Vsurer and the Bayliffs into the House, delired the Bond, paid the Vsurer all he demanded, giving the Bayliffs their fees, and cancelled the Bond: Hind sent for one to make over the Innekeepers goods to himselfe, which being done they departed: Hind being not unwilling to enquire which way the

usurer was to goe, went after him and overtook him in a convenient place: friend sayes he, I lent you twenty pounds even now, but I must needs have it againe, the Usurer said, you paid me so much money on a bond: but, sayes Hind, it is no time to dispute it now: so Hind took from the old Usurer his twenty pound and twenty more then he had got by Usury, and rode back to the Inne, gave the Host his writing again, and five pounds in money, telling him, that he had good luck by lending to honest men: the Usurer came after to the Innekeeper thinking to get some money of him, but the Innekeeper did beat him almost to death, saying, you Rogue, I am ingaged in all that I have for the payment of the money, and if you be rob'd, must I pay you againe, I will, I wall, so this was all the Usurer could get.

## Chap. XIIII.

How Hind fought with a Gentleman, and after gave him his money againe.

HIND pricking the Roade in Yorkshire, by chance overtook a Gentleman and his servant, which Gentleman was riding to London to pay his composition. This gentleman had sent most part of his money to London by Bills of Exchange, yet his man was forced to carry one hundred pounds behind him, in a Portmantle, Hind riding by, asked the Gentleman many odde questions, and asking his name he said, Sir, I am a Gentleman, and since I came from my house, I have been an ill husband, now I am

am in want and would desire you to lend me some money, Sir, said the Gentleman, you are but a stranger to me, and I have no reason to part with money to any upon so little acquaintance, but rather then you shall be disgraced, I shall lend you twenty shillings, Sir, said Hind, I thank you for your love, but I care not for such small summes when there is greater in the place, pointing to the Portmantle. The Gentleman unlocks the portmantle, and takes out a hundred pounds, and said, Sir, you must fight for it if you have it, saith all my heart said Hind, and you shall not fight for nothing, for I will make my Horse to one hundred pounds, and thus it shall be, whosoever drawes the first bloud shall have all, and if you win my Horse, you shall give me your mans to ride on, and if you lose your money, I will give you ten pound out of it towards your charges, to this the Gentleman agrees, they ride out of the way about a flight shot, where Hind ties his Horse to a bough, and the Gentleman gives his Horse to his man to hold, now they draw, and at the first pass, Hind ran the Gentleman into the sword arme, the wound was but slight, yet being their ingagement it was such the Gentlemans man yeelded Hind the victory, Hind receives the hundred pound of the Gentleman, and according to agreement returnes him ten pound back, so the mount their Horses: Hind being of a noble spirit said, Sir, we must not part thus, I will give you a good dinner first: the Gentleman thanks him, and rode with him, and as they were riding, Hind asked the Gentleman whether he was

travelling, the Gentleman said to London, I am going to pay my Composition, I wish I had no occasion there: Alas poore Gentleman said Hind you have sorrow enough, and it hath been my ill fortune to augment it; so giving the Gentleman his mony all the money againe: now Sir, saies he, aske any thing that lyes in my power, and you shall command it. Sir, said the Gentleman, I shall desire nothing more then your friendship, which I shall value above any earthly thing; I am beholding to you for your care of me, for if I had lost this hundred pounds, I had been undone; being nigh the place, it broke off their discourse. Hind bespeakes the best provision that can be got, and then sends for a Chirurgion to dresse the Gentleman, which being done, they fell to the victuals, and made them selves merry with many other Acts, when they had reposed themselves a while, Hind paid the Reckoning privately, and came into the Gentleman and said, Sir, you are the first man that ever I hurt on the rode, and I am hartily glad there was no more harme, so giving the Gentleman a word to passe all high way men, called for his Horse, and so bid him farewell.

## Chap. XV.

### How Hind rob'd a Captaine upon Chaulk Hill in Buckingham-shire.

After a day or two Hind rode into Buckingham-shire, where he was acquainted with many Gentlemen, and passing away the time till his opportunity serv'd, it was his chance to

ride towards Chalk-hill, Hind espied a little before him, a Gentleman and his servant who were alighted to leade down the Hill, the Captaine gives his Horse to his man, and bids him stay at the Stile till he came downe, the Captain having occasion to untruffe a point, stood under a little hedge, Hind watching his opportunity rid softly till he came neere the Captaine, and seeing him in good clothes, rid hastily up to him and bid him deliver: the Captaine was amazed at this present occasion of Hind, who all this while held a Pistol at his breast, and bids him dispatch, for (saies he) mistake me not, I stand not holding, but I demand, and looke you make no longer stay: The Captaine desired him to forbeare till he was truss up, Hind giving him so much leave, said, your money Sir: the Captaine seeing it could not be helpt by delayes, delivers him thirty pieces of gold, Hind said, Sir, I take this in part, I shall not be too mercenary upon you at this time; and so he rode downe the hill where the Captaines man stood with his Masters Horse, Hind said, Sirrah, is that your Master on the Hill? he answers him, yes Sir, then said Hind, I seldome take any thing from the Master, but I give the servant something, so giving him ten shillings, here is somewhat for thee, saies he, to drink my health, I prethee tell thy Master my name is Hind.

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## Chap. XVI.

### How Hind rob'd a Gentleman of fifty pounds.

HIND travelling up and down the Country, met with a lusty young fellow whom he had formerly known, and asking him many questions, among the rest, said, Jack, if thou wilt live with me thou shalt have money at command, or any thing thou wantest; Jack knowing partly his Trade, gave consent, whilst presently bought a good Horse for his man, and furnished him with Cloathes, a Sword, and Pistols being well fired, away they travelled towards Nottingham, and as they rode, they chanced to come into a Town where a Gentleman and his man were newly come before them, Hind rides by the Stable-door where the Hostler was taking off the other Gentlemans Portmantle, the Hostler said, it is but a little Portmantle, but it is very heavie: Hind well eying it, said to his man, Jack, enquire cunningly which way this Gentleman travels to morrow, so Hind went in, and when supper was ready, they went to supper together, after the Gentleman had supped, the servants fell to, and Hinds man gives the other gentlemans servant a pint of Sack, and after supper Jack gives him some Spanish Tobacco, and now they begin to be great acquaintance, so they goe together into the Stable to see their Horses dress'd, Jack askes the Gentlemans servant which way they rode in the morning, he told him towards London, my Master saies Jack rides that

that way too I think, now Jack hath as much as he desired, went to see what his Master wanted, Hind bids his man get his slippers ready, and pull off his boots, which being done, he takes his leave of the Gentleman and goes to bed: when he came into his chamber, he asked his man which way they went, Jack tells him: In the morning Hind rides first, the Gentleman stays behind to eat his breakfast: after he had done, he rode on his journey, and riding by a Wood where Hind and his man lay in Ambush for him, Hind runs out to the Gentleman and with his Cane lays him over the pate saying, have I nothing to doe but to wait on you, Sir? Jack takes off the Portmantle saying, his heavie Master: Sir, said Hind to the Gentleman, you are ill beloved in the Countrey you cannot get gold for your Silver: Jack rides back to the Gentlemans servant and strikes him over the pate, saying, you Rogue, must I soothe my horse to carry your Port-mantle, must I, must I you Rogue you: so Hind and his man rid away (leaving the Gentleman and his servant looking one upon another almost amazed at this sudden accident) spurring no horse-flesh till they were far enough from the Gentleman, for they rid all the by-wayes that if any had been sent to any one to follow them, and being at a place where they knew themselves safe, they looked in the Port-mantle where they found one hundred and fourty pounds, this they put up as a good morning work.

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## Chap. XVII.

How Hind served a Committee Man who disguised himself for feare of robbing.

A Committee man having occasion to travell towards London for to buy many commodities, hearing that there was robbing in that Roade, dressed himself in an old gray Coat put at the elbowes, and an old Square, with boots instead of Spurroys hung at a Saddle that was not worth threepence, and a Bridle of the same price: Now does he mercifully thinking no Highway-man would set on him, but money he got will be ill spent, for he chances to meet with Hind who asked what he was, he answered that he was an Old man, going to get reliefe among his friends: Hind gave him a piece of gold and bid him drink his health and be merry at his Inne, the old Miser thinking to please Hind, coined two or three great Oathes presently, and said, he would be drunk with drinking his health: Hind parted from him, and the old man went to his Inne and set up his Nare, then called for half a pint a sack, and after the first draught was downe, he began to say that he escaped the greatest danger that ever he was in, for said he, I met with Hind, and instead of robbing me, he gave me a piece of gold and bid me drink his health, but he see him hanged before he spend one penny for his sake, hang him Rogue, he robs all honest men, onely Cavileeres he lets them go, I'll put his gold among my own: I would have given ten pound to have been rid of him when

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first I met with him: so after a short supper went to bed. Hind came to the Inne, using to lye there as a Traveller not knowne, the Host was telling him in what feare an old Committee Man was to pay, saying he had met with Hind, who gave him money to drink his health, but he said he would see him hang'd first, and call'd him Rogue a thousand times: Hind went to bed, and let the old Man travell first in the morning, and about an houre after Hind rides after him, when he had overtaken him, he asked the Old man if he drunk his health, I said he, I was never so drunk in my life as I was the last night, for I drank the Kings health, the Queens, the Princes, and your health ten times over: Hind said unto him, Friend I have found you in many lyes, and now I will make you call me Rogue for something: so Hind made him untye his great Snap-sake where he found fifty pound in Gold and his owne purse besides: now the Committee man to cheere up himselfe, resolved to borrow so much money of the State before he went another Journey: Hind said the sooner you get it, the better for me if I meet with you again.

## Chap XVIII.

### How Hind rob'd two Lawyers.

TWo Lawyers that had got money enough in their Circuit, were resolved to return to London, and now being on their way, Hind overtakes them, and askes them which way they were travelling, they told him to London, I goe thi-

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ther to call Hind, and we three may make a fine company, for we may travell as cheape as two. As they were riding, the two Lawyers disputed much on points of the Law: Hind being acquainted with their discourse, said, Gentlemen what point of the Law will you give for this? suppose I take both your monies from you, and give each of you a small Ring in lieu of it? One of the Lawyers said, it doth weaken the Law much, but because we are two and you but one, we may have you: said Hind, in troth I will try the circle: so bolting a pistoll ready made them deliver their money, and gave each of them a ring, and bid them indite him if they would: they said, to much purpose, and you'l never come: God be with you said he, and so left them.

## Chap. XIX.

### How Hind rob'd a Gentleman in Hide-Park.

HInd being well horsed, went one evening into Hide-Park to take some sport, and riding up and downe the Parke by the Coaches, spies a bagge of money by a Gentleman, to whom Hind used some discourse about the Race that was to runne, but the Race beginning, the Gentleman caused his Coach to stand still, that he might judge which Horse ran best, Hinds head being next side, rode to the Coach, took the bagge in his hand and rode away: the Gentleman presently missing his money, cries out, stay him, stay him, I am robbed: many rode after him, especially the Captaine whom he rob'd at Chalke hill, who pursued him hard; Hind riding by

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t, Iohn's, said to the souldiers, I have wonne
he wager: but holding his Bagge fast, his
Cloake fell off, which he left for them that came
ert: he riding the wast by So-ho, left them:
ut when he came to his companions he said,
e never earned a hundred pounds so deare in
is life.

## Chap. XX.

### How Hind sold his horse to a Citizen of London.

HIND taking occasion to ride to Barnet, took up his Inne there, where meeting with some Gentlemen, they were very merry together, and after Supper Hind went to feed his Horse and see him dreſt, and some of the company went with him, amongſt them a Citizen; who when they came into the Stable, looking upon all the Horses, thought he had a better than his owne, his being the worſt: and switching the horses, at last switcht Hinds, which leaping with such courage as made the young Citizen greatly to affect him, and asked the Hoſtler whose horse it was: It is mine answered Hind, will you sell him said the Citizen: Money will buy him, said Hind: Sir said the Citizen, I have a good Gelding here but that he is out of flesh: what shall I give you and my Gelding for your horse? Hind said, sir you shall give me five and twenty pound and your Gelding: the Citizen told him it was too much: yet said he, I will give you twenty pound in Gold, and my horse

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which is worth eight pounds for your Horse. Now he strikes him earnest with a piece of Gold: Hind loving that kind of money, prized it a bargaine: the Citizen had the best bargaine if he could have kept the Horse, though he bought him by Candle-light: The Citizen payes Hind the rest of the Gold, and gives him a Bottle of sack for good luck: after much mirth they goe to bed: In the morning, Hind out of courtesie, would have the Citizen on his way, but as they rode, Hind found fault that he rayned his Horse too hard, saying, he is tender mouthed, and you will put him quite out of his pace: But they now riding in Enfield Chase, Hind desired the Citizen to let him ride the Horse, and he would shew him how to pace him right, the Citizen easily believing what Hind said, alighted, and mounted the Horse that Hind rid, Hind finding them well settled on his owne Horse, pac'd him a little way: At last Hind, you shall see his true pace the next time you see me: so he rode till speed till hee was out of his sight: the Citizen began to wonder at this suddaine change, yet still thought that Hind was but in jest: but when he found in earnest, wished he had never seen Hind nor his Horse: but wishing was but in vaine, for Hind was sooner out of the Citizens sight then out of his minde: for his minde was sometimes of his Gold, and sometimes of his Horse, not knowing which was the greatest losse to him: Being in this studie, he was recovered to his senses by some of his company

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Chap. XXV.

How Hind robb'd a Farmer.

Hind riding betweene Glocester and Tewkesbury, observed a Country Farmer that had money about him, to whom Hind pretended discourse, and as they were riding, Hind shewed him one of the States twenty shilling peeces, asking him how he liked it, the Country Farmer replyed, he thought it a very faire piece, I would I had one to carry home with me; if you please Sir, I will give you one and twenty for it, Sir, said Hind, being you are desirous of it you shall have it. The Country man pulled out his purse, and told him one and twenty shillings and gave Hind, to Hind gave him the peece of Gold, saying, do not put it among your Silver, for it will wast the Gold, said the Country man, I will put it in my little pocket then in a paper to keepe it: Hind taking his leave, jogged like a merchant softly that he had it, and said to the Farmer, Sir, I want a little Silver to buy a commodity that I have use for, nay said the Country man, you shall have your Gold again; the old saying is true, one may buy Gold too deare, Hind said. Tell me not of old Stories, but

give me your Money for I will have it by Law
[illegible] Money
[illegible] you take away my Money
by force [illegible] wish you if there be
any Law in England, [illegible] that he can
red more for the Lawyers than his Law is [illegible]
and would be glad to meet them any where, your
mony, your mony, said Hind I do not use to be
so long for so little money. The Farmer puls
his Purse out, as if all the wealth of Presto
Iohn or of the Indies had lain in it, but Hind
receiving the purse [illegible] laying,
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

## Chap. XXII.

### How Hind Courteous a Horse-Courser,

Hind being at a Gentlemans house, there he [illegible] after dinner he [illegible] with his Horse, the young Gentlemen being desirous to see if not their Horses sadled and rid with him, he leaped many places, and shewed them many fine tricks, but by chance leaping over a Gate which was very high, the Horse strained his back, insomuch that Hind durst not ride him upon any desperate adventure; so taking his leave of the Gentlemen he rode to Sunbury, where he lain [illegible] Hind bethought the Horse-courser that was to [illegible] and [illegible] the man rode him well, but [illegible] to give him better, and told the Horse courser, he [illegible] him, he had so [illegible] which [illegible] the Horse-courser [illegible] Hind [illegible] and [illegible] him, [illegible] that he [illegible] and [illegible] him, [illegible] Horse, which [illegible] the Horse-courser [illegible] better, but [illegible] his hapes. Hind being [illegible] he came to a place where [illegible] his Companions stay for him, who were [illegible]

extreame glad to see him so well mounted, asking him how he came by that brave Beast, and what he gave for him, he answers them thus: Gentlemen, how long shall I cozen you, will you never understand this, to deceive the deceiver is no deceit, I had him of an Horse-coursser at an easy rate, therefore pray tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines triumph.

## Chap. XXIII.

### How some of Hind's Companions robb'd a Gentleman, and how Hind met him and afterwards and repaid it.

HIND the foresaid riding merrily along the way accidentally with one of his friends, who was very glad to see Hind, and to have some private discourse with him: Hind desired Counsel of him before, and he found out this for him: Hind and his friend went to a private Inn by the place, where they might decide their matters to each other, the which they did, and so on their Journey, where in the way they met a young Gentleman, rode with him for some time, and at last desired him to deliver his money as he was, saying they had to do with him, the Gentleman kept on his way, and as he rode met with Hind, who bid him stand and deliver: the Gentleman said, it was the last thing I did, for some Gentlemen in such a place met me and took all my money from me, Hind knowing they were his Companions, said did they leave thee any money, very little said the

the Gentleman? Sir (said Hind) I see you look melancholly on the matter, deale ingeniously with me, and tell me how much they had from you? In truth Sir (said the Gentleman) it were a folly for me to belye my owne purse, they had about twelve pounds from me: Hind puts out five pieces of gold and gives it the Gentleman, saying, sir here is this in part, and when I meete you next I will give you the rest; the Gentleman giving him many thanks (doubly base parted from him) Hind said I have one thing more to say to you, here are many Wags abroad and they will have this Money from you, therefore if you meet any, tell them the Fidler is payd and they will let you passe, so Hind bid him farewell: the Gentleman had not no sooner but her met with some Blades who bid him stand, Gentleman (said he) the Fidler is payd, they being satisfied with this answer, makes him which way the Fidler went, he giving them the best direction he could, parted from them: Hind afterwards met his Gentleman in London and payd him the rest of his money, and gave him a Dinner.

## Chap. XXIII.

### How Hind borrowed money of a poore man and payd it him double at a time and place appointed.

Hind having 9th very wealth among some wearing Blades of his acquaintance, and spent all his money, betimes in the morning he waites an opportunity to furnish himselfe a-

againe, as people were going to a Faire, and meeting first with a poore man going to buy a Calfe at the Faire, Hind bids him stand and deliver such money as he had: the poore man drew out of his pocket a Handkerchiefe wherein it was tyed a pound, and weeping to Hind told him it was all that he had in the world, and that if he tooke it away he was undone: Hind told him he should not take one penny by him, but bidding him be merry, gave him money, and appointed to meet him at a village not far off the place where the poore man dwelt: to Hind he takes but three pence from the poore man, and meeting him at the Faire among his fellowes, shewes him the occasion of his relenting, in as much as he was a poore man and had a great charge of children: Hind liked his humour, and gave him a pound more, making him sworne to secrecie: with what had passed betweene them: when the poore man came to the appointed place Hind gave him money to buy his Calfe, and when he came to the Faire, he found the poore man at the place appointed, and brought him by the way to his Chamber: Hind presently entertained him well, and gave him fifteene pound to buy him two Calves, for which he thankt him, and told him that if he had never payd him he would never have disclosed: Hind seeing him simply honest, and withall honest, gave him twenty shillings more, and so parted from him: and so

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How Hind put a trick upon a Dutch Doun-
tebank in Holland.

comfortable answers, saying, God forbid I should neglect that little skill I have, to do your wife any good I can: Upon these Complements Hirst follows him from one street to another, till at last he got him within his lodging, which was so contrived, that it was some distance from other houses; but espying at the back upon him, he takes in one hand a Pistoll, in the other a great empty Purse, and furiously looking upon the Mountebank, he said, Sir, here is one, (meaning the empty Purse) that hath a long time trouble'd with a Flux in her belly, and you are the only man that can remedy and cure it: I mean to cure this disease, else I lose my life. By the help of this Pistol I purely do remedy it. The mountebank fearing himself thus suddenly and unexpectedly assaulted, began fearfully to cry out, but Hirst presently fleers at the sight of the Pistol, cryes Peace, for fears he let goe his fiery shot, to cure him which had the Flux that belonged to his wanted charity, seeing the man in a very trembling condition, he restored him some part of his money again, promises to conveigh him to his lodging, and so, with his Pistol cocked for fears of an Out-cry, and in the mid-way let him to find out his chamber himself.

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## Chap. XXV.

How Hind cozeneth a merchant in Holland of 300 Crowns, by giving a counterfeit Chain for a pledge.

A Merchant Hind puts himself into the habit of a Gallant, the better to set a glasse upon his knavery, he hath his coach to wait upon him, and by his gallant garbe insinuates into a rich Merchants acquaintance, makes the world believe he hath brought the wealth of the Indies with him, he pretends he hath great wealth, and happy were he that could be acquainted with him; knows the nature of the Dutchmen to strike deep in their own profit, and to offer any kindnesse (where they perceive they may be any way a gayner. Amongst the rest, a Merchant of no meane quality, perceiving his deportment, invites him to his house, which he with the former accepts; the Merchant entertaines him with a great deale of civility; Hind pretends to lend his man to his two Chests which were about of a bigge bi the Key for some money, which said he the Merchant say, Sir, I much wonder you being a Stranger durst trust your wealth in such a place; if you please Sir my house shall be at your service; Hind takes an occasion upon discourse to pull out of a Box a Chain of pure Gold before the Merchant, which he much admiring, said Sir, you need not want money so long as you have this to engage; Hind replyed, I should be loath to engage it, but upon necessity which I am now driven to, for although I have

money, yet I cannot command it, because I must pay it presently upon a Bill of Exchange, but replied the Merchant, I shall be friend you so far as to lend you so much money as you have occasion for, which proffer Hind modestly damped, yet with a kind of smiling countenance, he accepted his courtesie, and presently called for his man to take the Chain and the other Gold-smith should receive his money, so having it left under his hand, the Merchant refusing unwilling to receive the Chains or money, replied, good Sir doe not trouble your self so, I dare take your word for more then this Sum, put his fingers first to the Chain and then to Hind, the more puts it upon him (seeing his willingness to receive it, both in faith the Chain, seeing it is your pleasure, my man shall goe with your Servant to the value of it on the Gold-smiths, Hind believing his words takes the Chains, and together they go to bring it. Left under the Gold-smiths hand, who had a right answer: Now Hind had given the Gold-smith, that he had provided his man with another Chaine of Brasse, gilded, of the same weight to a grain, that you could not know one from the other, and comming home, delivers the Brasse Chaine and Ticket to Hind; Hind delivers it and to the Merchant, he takes upon it, thinking the same, has nothing to the contrary, so Hind receives 300 Crowns upon it, and when they had dined and talked, Hind and his man take their leaves for the present, as pretending to goe about business, but he never return-

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ned to redeeme his Chaine, but left the Merchant to repent him of his peace bought pursuivale.

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... being ... Merchants, offered them ... to give him a ... he two hun-dred pounds, one of the Merchants ... but to come ... Tauerne ... ceive the ... and ... bill ... a ... Merchant ... pounds ... the Merchant ... application ... London to pay the ... mission ... to ... ney ... make ... and ... pay the reck-ning ... and ... to ... England ... he ... ney ... ing ... name ... this ... Hind having ... ney ... to Holland, yet found ... tricks at the Dutch ...

## CAP. XXVII.

Hinds voyage into Ireland, and how he robb'd ... Lord ... of three hundred pounds.

... had ... to ... Ireland when Or-mond ... were there ... where he did many robberies, but chiefly this is specified of him, Ormond, Inchiquin, Cattle-haven, Clanricka-d, and other great persons of their partywere all at play at Dice for great sums of

of money, it being Ormonds and Inchiquins fortune to lose 1400 li. to Castle-haven, who being greedy of money, thought it not safe till he had sent it to a Castle 4 miles off from the place where he won it; Hind being by when the money was won, got some 4 men together, and waited the coming of the money, which was carried on horse-back in bags. Hind met with Castle-havens servants a little short of Corke, and told them, & his company was carried the money to Ormond, who gave him 500 li. to divide among the companions, but Ormond took not the money, but sent Castle-haven word, he had won it of him. Castlehaven being very desirous to know Ormond told him he would tell him the next, if he would engage upon his reputation that he would conceal them; having made their agreement to each other, Ormond sent to Hind & his gang to come to him, who presently came and presented themselves before Ormond, who received them courteously, and gave them 20 pistoles a piece gratuity, but to Hind he gave 5 li. so they departed; when they were gone, Ormond said to Castle-haven, how like you these men, they were they that had your money, said Castle-haven, these were stout men, and by their looks my money will not last long with them; Ormond said, why, they have left you 500 li. in my hand, to be sure pay him the money and give 500 li. himself, and all parties were well pleased.

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## Chap. XX. IX.

How Hind went into Scotland to the Scotch King at Sterling, and how he was apprehended in London.

Hind being ever weary of staying long in a place, there himself for Scotland, when he was arrived he went and presented his service to the King at Sterling, the King being informed who he was, had some discourse with him, & commended him to the Duke of Buckingham, then present, to rise in his Troop because his Life-guard was full, he came into England with the same Troop, was in the engagement at Warrington, came to the fight at Worcester, & stood till the King was fled; Hind being in the City, saw the gates full of flying persons, he leapt over the wall on foot by himself only, travelled the Country, & lay three dayes under hedges & hedges because of the Soudiery, afterwards he came to Sir John Packingtons house where he lay five dayes, and from thence he came on foot to London, & lodged 5 weeks very privately, but upon the 9 of Novemb. 1651. a discovery was made of Cap. Hinds frequenting one Denzy's a Barber over against St. Dunstons Church in Fleetstreet, who went by the name of Brown, this information was communicated to certain Gentlemen belonging to the right honorable Mr. Speaker, who with great care to observe the business that there was no suspition at all, to his chamber they came, four & twenty, & immediately with their pistols cocked laid hands upon his person, & carried him to Mr. Speakers house in Chancery-lane, & so secured him for that night.

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The next day being in Iune, by order from the right honourable the Councell of State, the said Cap. Hind was brought to White-hall, and there examined before a Committee, and divers questions put to him concerning his late engagement with Charles Stuart, and whether he accompanied the Scots in hope for the further ruine of this Nation (to which he answered, That he never fought against his native Country, but was alwayes ready to hazard his life in the defence thereof, and that he was glad to see the happy and successe Army return victorious from Scotland, and that he should be sent prisoner to the Tower: the next day after the said Committee sate, he was brought from thence to Westminster Hall, and there in the Committee of the Prisoners belonging to the Kings Bench, was set at liberty: at the clock in the afternoone he went out of the Hall, where he staid till the next Sessions.

## Chap. XXX.

The tryall of Cap. Iames Hind, with the Old Bailey, With his Examination and Confession.

On Munday the 13 of December, 1652. about 9 of the clock in the forenoon, Cap. Hind was brought to the bar, at the Sessions house in the Old Bailey, and there arraigned upon an Indictment for High Treason, and other Felonies, for that he the said Iames Hind, with divers other persons, to the number of 100 and upwards, did on the 25 day of August last past, at the parish of Norton in Oxfordshire, in a hostile manner, and in warlike manner, by force of Armes, &c. accompanied with the Scots, being then in England, whilst he was at the fight at Worster, he answered, that he came into

Chap. XXXIX.

The Tryal and condemnation of Cap. Hind at Reading, and how he was reprieved and pardoned by reason of the Act of Oblivion.

On Monday the first of March, 1652. Cap. James Hind was carried in a Coach from Newgate to Reading, where upon the Wednesday

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